



St. Claire Regional
Medical Center

Patient's Name: _____

DOB: _____

THYROID SCAN
Nuclear Medicine

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Patients:
These are the instructions for your
scheduled procedure in our
Diagnostic Imaging Department.

Scheduling

Your examination has been scheduled for:

Date: _____ **Time:** _____ **A.M./P.M.**

The above time has been reserved for you. Please arrive 15 minutes before the appointed time so you can register. When you arrive to register, please follow the guidelines below to know where to sign in:

Admitting/Registration - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Emergency Room Registration - 11:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

“We ask that you make every attempt to keep your scheduled appointment as we have ordered a drug specific to your test and you. If you do need to reschedule or cancel your procedure, please call 606-783-6761, 24 hours prior to your scheduled appointment.”

Purpose

This Nuclear Medicine procedure is performed in order to show size, location and function of the thyroid gland.

Preparation

If you are taking thyroid medication, this must be discontinued at least four weeks before the exam. Your physician will discontinue these at the time your procedure is scheduled. If you are currently breastfeeding, please inform the technologist before beginning your procedure.

Procedure

The technologist will inject a liquid into a vein in your arm. This liquid contains a very weak radioactive substance that will distribute itself throughout the thyroid gland. You will be asked to wait 30 minutes to allow the thyroid to absorb the radioactive substance. You will lie on the scanning table under a specialized scanner. The scanner does not emit radiation; it detects the radioactive substance in your thyroid gland. By use of a computer, images are obtained and recorded. This procedure takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

Results

The radiologist will review your exam and discuss the results with your physician. Your physician will then discuss the results and a plan of treatment with you. The technologist will be unable to give you any information or interpretation about the results of your exam.

If you have any questions concerning your upcoming procedure, please call the Diagnostic Imaging Department at 606-783-6761.